SESSION IN DETAIL

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Senstor Echols called the committee to order at 3:10 P. M., and announced that Mr. Janney, a member of the committee, had been called home by a telegram and could not be present. Captain H. C. Josiyn, of Lee, was the first witness, and was examined by Benator Noel.

"Were you at Jonesville on the occa-sion of the election 1902?" he was

asked.
"Yes, sir."
"Did Mr. A. M. Goings show you any
form of a ballot?"
"He showed me a typewritten slip."
"Did it look like the Scott county
ballot?"

"It looked something like it."
"Do you know anything about the punctuation?"

punctuation?"
"I didn't pay any particular attention to the punctuation."
"Did Goings say anything about where he got that typewritten sheet?"
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Mr. Irvine objected, and the question
as practically ruled out,
"Do you know anything to connect
adge Rhea with this matter?" asked
r, Cooke, of the committee,
"I do not," was the reply, and Mr.
ooke said; "Well, that settles it."
Objection was withdrawn by Mr.
vine, and the deposition of A. M.
olnes, now dead, was admitted by
the defense.

You and Mr. Goings were jubilating the day after the cleetlon, rent you?" asked Mr. Irvine, Yes, sir."

"You all were pretty happy?"
"Yes, sir; I was."
"You won't undertake to say now
at the two papers were identical?"
"Yo, sir; I only say they looked very
the allke." may stand aside."

Clerk on Stand.

L. L. Bays, of Russell, was the next itness, He was county clerk in 1902. "Do you remember the day the elec-ral board met to count the returns?" was asked by Captain Buillit.

"It was taken from the post-office."

'In whose hands was it put?"

"Some of the election commissioners went with my son to the post-office."

'Did J. H. Ashworth get that certificate?"

had been an error of 100, and he asked me what to do about it. I told him the election commissioners might take the letter from the post-office, but that he must not do it.

"I understood that after it was taken int it was suggested that the second eturns should be malled at Abing-

don.
"I said no; that it had better be mailed in Russell.
"I learned afterwards that it was taken to Abingdon and mailed by Mr. Ashworth."
"You ware the county clock at that

"How long did you stay?"
"Until about 9 or 10 o'clock."
"Was your office locked up during
this time?"
"No sir."

"No. sir."
"Was Mr. Ashworth in there?"
"He came in during the morning, and I was introduced to him; but I do

and I was introduced to him; but I do not recall having seen him again."

Witness practically denied the testimony of R. Waiter Dickenson that Ashworth had been locked in his office with the canvassing hoard. "If anything similar to this took place, it was in the circuit, and not the county cierk's office," he said. Came That Way.

as to the alleged unsealed re anvassing had taken place in the conditions, these precincts shoul properly be excluded."

Witness denounced as an absolute Asked by Captain Bullitt as to falsehood the statement of R. Walter

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"It was malled by my son, the depuclerk, to the Secretafy of the Cononwealth."

"What was done afterwards?"

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"Did J. H. Ashworth get that cerficate?"

"That was my information."

"The whole story." said Mr.

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Heard Some Talk.

B. T. Wilson, former Democratic county chairman of Russell, was sworn and questioned by Mr. Irvine, and testified that he had seen J. H. Ashworth in the office of the county treasurant on the day after the tack.

"Absolute Falschood."

vassing board. Witness said he had mony was concluded, and counsel on

"My recollection is that I replied that I was sorry the letter had not been received sooner, but I did not state, as I remember, that a different action would have been taken if it had been received sooner. I was not a member of the board, and could not have con-

Did Not Tamper With It. Mr. J. H. Ashworth was recalled by

not you were given the certificate of returns of Russell at Lebanon in November, 1902."

the Commonwealth."

Witness again denied that he was locked in the clerk's office with any case at any time while he was in Lebanon.

He was briefly cross-examined by Captain Builitt, but nothing new was brought out.

Could Not Find It.

Mr. Wilson was recalled, and asked again by Mr. Irvine concerning the testimony of Mr. Dickenson that he had been locked in the clerk's office with the canvassing board, and he declared that he had not, and he had conferred with his friends in the office of M. C. Clark, treasurer, and that the door was never locked.

George E. Davis, of Bristol, who was Judge Rhea's private secretary during the latter's two terms in Congress, testified that he was in charge of Democratic headquarters in Bristot during the latter's two terms in Congress, testified that he was in charge of Democratic headquarters in Bristot during the latter's of Democratic headquarters in Bristot during the likea-Siemp campaign. He had been unable to find anything approximating the message testified to by Mr. Stuart, alleged to have been sent by Judge Rhea to M. C. Clark, Wilness had never heard of the telegram alleged to have been sent by Judge Rhea to M. C. Clark, witness had never heard of the telegram alleged to have been sent by Judge Rhea to M. C. Clark, witness had never heard of the telegram alleged to have been sent by Judge Rhea to M. C. Clark, and he declared that if such a message had been clared the telegram alleged to have been sent by Judge Rhea to M. C. Clark, and he declared that if such a message had been clared that if such a message

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Mr. Davis testified as to the sending out of Democrats from Bristol to look after the interests of the Democratic party, and declared that it was currently reported that the Republicans had spent \$20,000 to capture the election.

Captain Bullitt questioned the wittness at some length, though he falled to shake him on any material point.

Sione Consulted Him.

Judge lihea stated that upon thinking over the matter he had recalled that Mr. J. A. Stone had consulted him about sending a telegram to M. C. Clark, as district chairman, to see J. H. Ashworth, though he could not recall that sone a message had ever been sent. In that conversation Buchanan county was not mentioned, and he had never made any improper suggestions as to Buchanan or any other county. He said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides and the side of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done in the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done in the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done in the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done in the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done for the fact that if was reported that the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported that one of the Stemp boys was on his done for the fact that if was reported the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact that if was reported the said nothing would ever have been done about Buchanan county oxides of the fact o

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"I am very sorry I did not keep a "mony was concluded, and counsel on both sides said they were ready for students and they were ready for about said they were ready for he decense, though he contended that the division of the time should be equal.

Argument Begins.

The committee held a brief executive session, and when the body reconvened Chairman Echols announced that one hour and forty-five minutes would be allowed to each side.

elected judge of the newly created

MINIATURE ALMANAU, Pobruary 8, 1888, 1888, 7:00 HIGH TIDE, 1881, 5:40 Morning, 9:43 gets, 12:00 Evening, 10:08

DENUNCIATION OF RHEA

In Closing Speech for Prosecution Capt. Bullitt Arraigns Nominee and Declares He is Unfit to Sit on Bench in Virginia---Irvine's Defense.

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The Second charge, said Mr. Irvine, is the most serious one here.

If this charge (relating to be before the would not be here, and he would not be been an an expenditude of the sustained it would be sufficient to put a man beyond the pale of human honor or human hope. We have thrown open the doors and saked them to be brine that the standard port of the sustained it would be sufficient to put a man beyond the pale of human honor or human hope. We have thrown open the doors and saked them to be there that he did not undertake to make any such direct charge.

"To cannot sit here in this silent chamber and imagine what went on in that contest when this young glad."

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arterwards let in, and to this particular point he addressed himself sharply.

He declared that Colonel Richmond had on this point unloaded a "gold brick" on the prosecution, for all behad said about the Scott county ballot, and yet we find that the had seen testified to in the Walker-Rhea contests, evidence concerning which generally had been excluded by the committee. Coing into the matter, lowever, he declared that he did not justify the ballot, though in his view of the case it conformed with the statute.

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